



**Public Notice
City of St. Marys
Proposed Community Development
Block Grant Program FY 2016
Preliminary Synopsis
Public Hearing**

The City of St. Marys intends to make application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for Community Development Block Grant funds, for which the City is entitled to receive under the provision of Pennsylvania Act 179 of 1984, for Federal Fiscal Year 2016 funding assistance. The City of St. Marys funding assistance amount for 2016 is \$272,958.

CDBG funds may be used for a variety of purposes such as public improvements, rehabilitation of deteriorating housing units, removal of architectural barriers to the elderly or physically challenged, etc. Eligible activities must meet one of three (3) National Objectives:

1. Benefiting Low and Moderate Income Persons
2. Preventing or Eliminating Slums or Blight
3. Meeting Urgent Needs

70% of CDBG funding must provide benefit to individuals with low to moderate income levels as determined by Section 8 Income Guidelines.

Citizens may comment/provide input on potential projects as well as comment on prior use of CDBG funds. Citizens who are unable to attend the public hearing may comment on any of the topics to be discussed at the hearing by contacting the City's Community and Economic Development Coordinator at 814-781-178 ext. 225 or by email at tina@cityofstmarys.com.

The City of St. Marys is responsible for replacing all low and moderate income housing units that are demolished or converted. However, the displacement of persons as a result of this program will be avoided to the greatest extent possible. A Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Policy and Fair Housing Policy have been adopted by City Council for all activities funded under this program.

The first of two public hearings will begin at 6:45p.m., Tuesday July 5, 2016 at City Hall, 11 LaFayette Street, St. Marys, PA 15857. An explanation of the CDBG program will be made including eligibility requirements, application procedures, and criteria for final project selection. The public will be given the opportunity to secure information regarding prior uses of CDBG funds. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend the hearing and require special services may contact City Hall at 814-781-1718 ext. 225 for accommodation.

The City of St. Marys intends to file the application for FY 2016 at least 10 days prior to its' due date. Prior to submission of this application and before final action is taken by City Council, a summary of its contents will be published and a second hearing will be held at the same location prior to a regularly scheduled Council Meeting at a later date to be determined. The projects will be selected for City of St. Marys' FY 2016 CDBG application at the second public hearing and citizens will have an opportunity to offer additional comments and suggestions.